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ELECTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Restriction Requirement having a mailing date of March 23, 2005. In response to that Restriction, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the Species I claims, which include claims 1-8, 11-14 and newly added claims 26-34.

In addition, Applicant files this Preliminary Amendment to place the claims in better form for examination. Entry of this Amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested.